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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Masako KIMURA et al.

Serial No. 09/076,124

: Group Art Unit 1614

Filed May 12, 1998

: Examiner Z. Fay

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 16, 1998, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 1, change "liquid composition" to --emulsion--.

Claims 2 to 18, line 1, change "composition" to --emulsion--.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1 to 18.

The above amendment is presented to clarify the present claims by reciting that the claimed subject matter is a "difluprednate emulsion".

The significance of this amendment will become further apparent from the remarks below.

Claims 1 to 18 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Kimura et al.